

Appln. No. 10/782,145
Amendment dated June 28, 2007
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 9, 11, 13 through 18, 20 and 21 remain in this application. Claims 10, 12 and 19 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. No claims have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

The amendment to the disclosure has been objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) as introducing new matter into the disclosure for the inclusion of the term "pivotal" in claim 1 etc.

While it is believed that one of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize that a hinged connection produces a pivotal relationship (just as a door pivots with respect to its frame), and while it is believed that the definition of "hinge" supports the disclosure of a pivotal relationship, and while it is also believed that the patent law does not require that a hinge must necessarily produce a pivotal relationship to disclose a pivot movement, this requirement has been removed from claim 1 in order to advance prosecution.

Paragraph 2 through 5 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 3, 5, 8, 9 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Robinson in view of Anstead.

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Robinson in view of Anstead as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of Warford.

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Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter claimed in claim 6, which was indicated as being allowable in the Office Action, and therefore claim 1, as well as the claims that depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claim 21 has been amended to remove the subject matter that duplicates the subject matter of claim 6 now in claim 1.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 1 through 5, 8, 9 and 11 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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